



## **New Jersey Statewide Network for Cultural Competence Quarterly Meeting Minutes**

**November 4, 2011**

Central Jersey Family Health Consortium in North Brunswick

**12:30 – 3:30**

*Attendees: Elizabeth Fortunato, Dr. Robert Like, Nicholas Montalto, Zenaida Steinhauer, Shakira Linzey, Sophia Rossofsky, Janet Gwiazda, Helen Dao, Pamela Gaston, Stephen Smith, William Gaventa, La-Kisa Hines, Susan Choe, Maryanne Kokidis, Leonard Estrada.*

The first half hour of the meeting was allotted for networking followed by agenda items.

Nick Montalto gave a presentation that was shared at the Conference Synopsis: Systems Change-For Greater Cultural Competence in the PA Disability Sector and shared with the group the Report to the PA Developmental Disabilities Council.

- It was suggested that the report be added to NJSNCC web site as link.

Remaining half of meeting involved the group in the discussion/recap of planning workshop and/or conference goal/objectives and strategic planning for NJSNCC.

Suggestions and key points discussed:

- NJSNCC has the potential to be more of a resource to hospitals, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and other providers/organizations who receive federal funding;
- Pennsylvania, New York may offer opportunity for NJSNCC to partner;
- The National Center for Cultural Competence out of Georgetown University may have some suggestions, mini grants, for NJSNCC;
- It was reiterated that state agency directors be aware of NJSNCC as a resource to its staff who are addressing issues of diversity and cultural competence, e.g. DDD staff;
- Sponsor another annual meeting
  - The conference held in 2010 at the Middlesex Fire Academy drew over 100 people; group agreed it was a success.
- Continue quarterly meetings;
- Investigate potential of offering continuing education credits for conference attendees;
- Outreach to state agency directors, HMO's, Rutgers, NJHA, education, and others but also encourage current NJSNCC members to tell others about the NJSNCC and invite them to join.

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### Next Steps/Action Items

- A sub-committee will continue discussion on potential topics for future annual conference and/or webinar(s) – draft a request for information/brief survey to be distributed to seek potential guests, topics, suggestions (*Liz F*). Draft will be submitted to this subset committee by November 18<sup>th</sup> for comment, and further discussion.
  - Potential annual meeting topics discussed:
    - Literacy – health, immigration, clinical
    - Medical Home
    - Affordable Care Act requirements/provisions
    - federal updates regarding Culturally & Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS)
    - What are other States doing
    - Mini grants from National Center for Cultural Competence – Georgetown University
    - What are providers [HMOs, FQHCs, hospitals, physicians] in their fields in relation to patience to address literacy, cultural differences, etc.
  - What is translatable from the PA Conference to our conference ?
  - Who is our target audience, and what would be most attractive to them ?
- Distribute information on NJSNCC to state agency directors to endorse and encourage appropriate staff to join, use, and contribute to the mission of the NJSNCC. (*Steve Smith*).

The meeting closed with each attendee receiving a recognition award for their achievement in locating the meeting location.

- Next Quarterly Meeting (tentatively scheduled for January 13, Woodbridge), details to follow

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